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COUNTRY Romania REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet and Rumanian Military Shipments in Rumania 25X1A

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1C

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1. Railroadmen said that more than 300 tanks, including heavy types, were shipped from the U.S.S.R to Rumania via Galati (R 55/Z 25) in May and June 1950. (1)
2. Rumanian troop headquarters, including a division headquarters from Craiova (R 33/34/A 83) moved in mid-June 1950. According to unconfirmed observations they moved to the West. Elements of the 1st and 13th Rumanian Inf Regt and of the 9th Arty Regt left toward Turnu Severin (R 23/24/E 98). (2)
3. Twenty-five small Rumanian tanks arrive in the barracks on the road to Caracal (R 33/34/B 21), Craiova, on 28 June 1950. They left Craiova toward Turnu Severin on 12 July 1950.
4. Seventy trucks towing an unknown number of heavy Rumanian guns of unidentified caliber arrived in Craiova on 2 July 1950. The convoy rested in the barracks of the 9th Arty Regt then left toward the west on the same day.
5. The following rail shipments were noted in Craiova from 18 June to 14 July 1950:
  - a. A Rumanian troop train of 25 cars occupied by infantry, and 19 railroad cars loaded with military equipment went from Craiova to Targoviste (R 33/34/X 10) on 18 June 1950.
  - b. A troop train of 23 cars carrying Rumanian troops and engineer equipment was en route from Craiova to Calafat (R 23/24/A 10) on 27 June 1950.
  - c. A troop train of 32 cars occupied by soldiers and 16 cars carrying guns and motor vehicles passed through Craiova heading west on 29 June 1950. The train came from the direction of Bucharest.
  - d. A Rumanian troop train of 34 cars occupied by soldiers, 2 cars loaded with ammunition and 14 cars loaded with military equipment passed through Craiova at 2 p.m. on 2 July 1950. The train came from the

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direction of Piatra Olt (R 33/34/B 24) and headed toward Turnu Severin.

- e. A Rumanian troop train of 42 cars carrying soldiers, guns and horses passed through Craiova at 6 p.m. on 3 July 1950. It came from the direction of Piatra Olt and headed toward Turnu Severin.
- f. A Soviet troop train of 12 cars occupied by soldiers, and an unknown number of cars carrying 48 trucks passed through Craiova heading west at 3 a.m. on 5 July 1950.
- g. A Rumanian troop train carrying troops and materiel passed through Craiova at 3 a.m. on 6 July 1950. It came from the direction of Piatra Olt and headed toward Turnu Severin.
- h. A Rumanian troop train carrying an artillery unit, possibly one battalion, passed through Craiova on 8 July 1950. The train came from Targa Jiu (R 25/V 42) and headed toward Turnu Severin.
- i. A Soviet troop train of 15 cars occupied by soldiers, and an unknown number of cars carrying 44 trucks passed through Craiova on 10 July 1950. The train came from the direction of Bucharest and headed west.
- j. A Soviet troop train of 7 cars occupied by soldiers, and an unknown number of cars carrying about 50 trucks and 15 passenger cars passed through Craiova at 12:30 p.m. on 12 July 1950. The train came from the west and headed toward Caracal (R 33/34/B 21). (3)
- k. A Rumanian troop train composed of 21 cars carrying troops and 20 guns, 2 cars loaded with timber and of one kitchen car passed through Craiova at 5 p.m. on 13 July 1950. The train came from the west and headed toward Caracal.
- l. A Rumanian troop train of 11 boxcars and two coaches occupied by troops was observed at 11 a.m. on 14 July 1950. It came from the direction of Piatra Olt and headed toward Turnu Severin.
5. About 50 cars loaded with infantry and artillery ammunition from the Isalnita (R 33/34/A 84) ammunition depot left toward the west between 6 and 8 July 1950. (4)

**Comments.**

- (1) The Soviet tank shipments may be for Rumanian tank units. It is also possible that the tank shipments are in connection with the unloading of Soviet troops and about 300 tanks reported in May 1950. See [REDACTED] 25X1A
- (2) An army corps headquarters and the Hq 2d Inf Div were observed in Craiova in May 1950. See [REDACTED]. The regiments mentioned belong to the 2d Inf Div. 25X1A
- (3) Number and composition of the Soviet troop trains do not differ from the Soviet trains passing through Craiova in May 1950. They probably carried materiel and personnel replacements for Soviet troops stationed in western Rumania and eastern Hungary.
- (4) The report indicates that large elements of the Rumanian Army moved to the western border zone. It cannot be determined whether these movements were for field exercises in this area or were in connection with the concentration of Rumanian troops against Yugoslavia. If the information on the shipment of ammunition to the western area is correct, it must be considered a serious indication of a preparation for military action.

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